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Installations in BERNAU

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1. Attached at Appendix "A" are sketches, one of which is an overlay [redacted] showing the location and layout of certain Soviet occupied installations in BERNAU.
2. Marked as No. 2 on the sketch is the Villa ERB compound located at approximately [redacted] some 120 m. N of the Zepernick-Chaussee and 25 m. E of Massliebchen str. The main building (marked as "a" on the subsidiary sketch) has several storerooms and looks like a rather pretentious villa, with small pointed towers at each corner. 50X1-HUM
3. On the Massliebchen str. side, and marked as "b" on the subsidiary sketch, is a large, stone-built, garage-type building some 6-7 m. high and 40 m. long. On the wall of the building facing Massliebchen str. can be seen a number of pipes from which steam is frequently seen to come, suggesting that the building contains baths and wash-houses. On several occasions groups of Soviet troops have been seen marching from the Soviet workshops in the Angerweg to the villa ERB area with bathing costumes under their arms.
4. The main entrance (marked "c" on the subsidiary sketch) is located immediately S of the building described in para. 3 above. It has wooden doors which usually stand open. The whole area of the Villa ERB is surrounded by a high wooden fence which effectually prevents passers-by in the street from looking into the compound. N and S of the compound, and across the street on the W side, are small German allotments with small garden-houses.
5. Marked as No. 1 on the sketch is an area containing Soviet-occupied houses. It adjoins and is possibly part of the Villa ERB compound, but the latter has an additional fence around it which prevents direct access from the accommodation area. This latter area includes a stretch of Nelken str. and of Karl Marx str. The part of Nelken str. which is within the area is closed off by means of a wooden fence at each end. There is no access from Nelken str. to the accommodation compound, the main entrance to which is from the S end of Karl Marx str., some 50 m. from Zepernick-Chaussee (marked "e" in the subsidiary sketch). Marked as "d" on the subsidiary sketch are two, single-family houses in which, according to local gossip, Soviet political and security officials live.
6. Marked as No. 3 on the sketch is the area of the former parachute factory, [redacted] bounded by Berliner str. to the N, Weissensee str. to the W, Breitscheid str. to the S and Klement str. to the E. On the NE side the street called Angerweg forms the boundary of the area.

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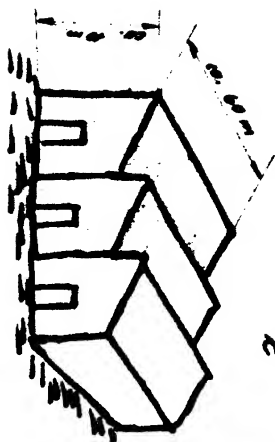
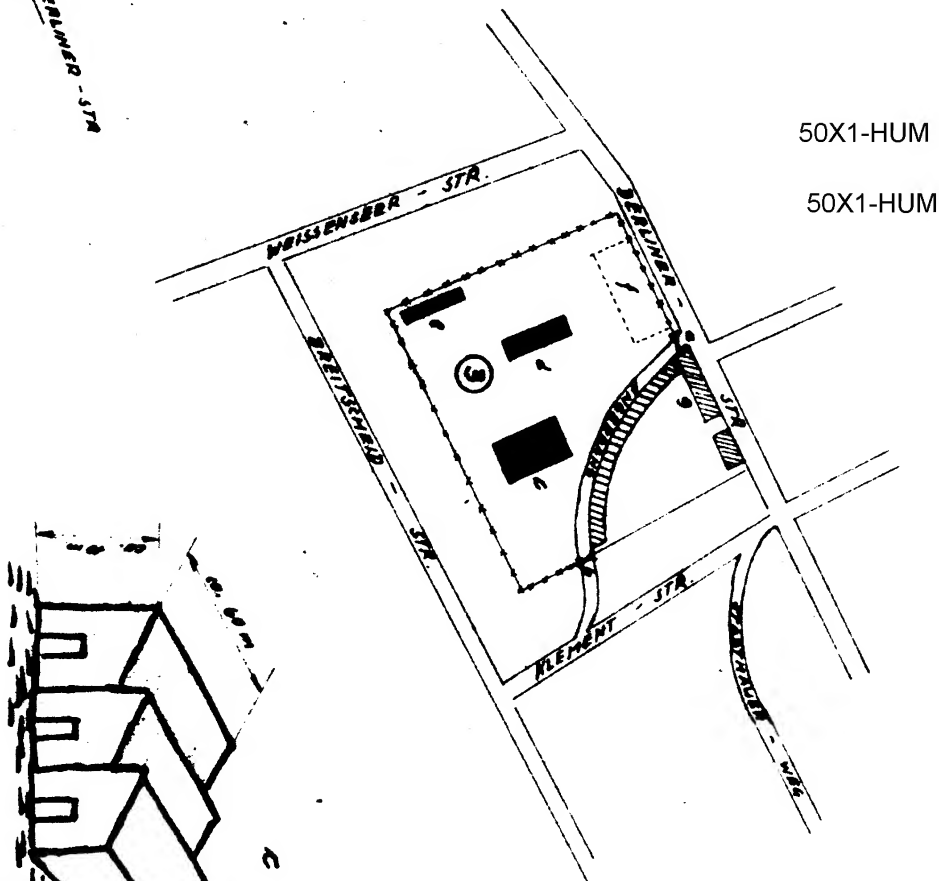
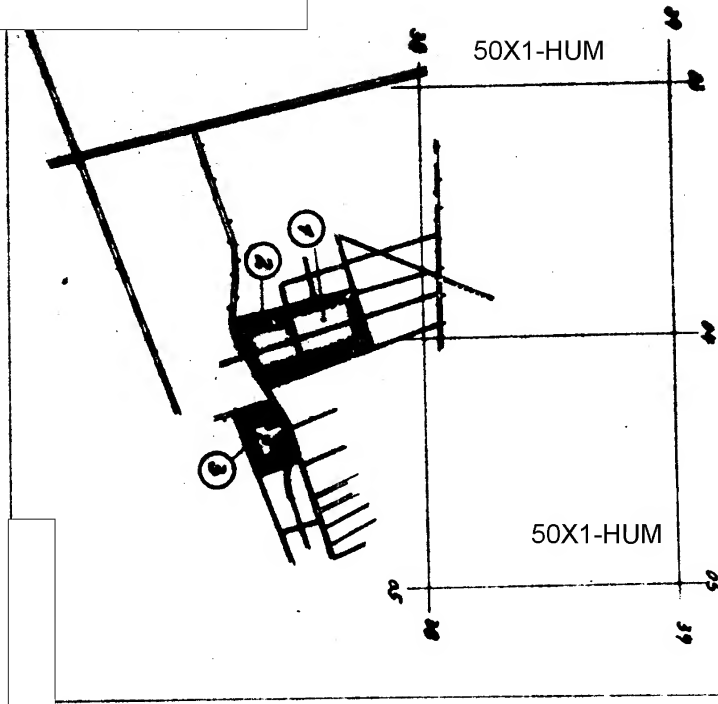
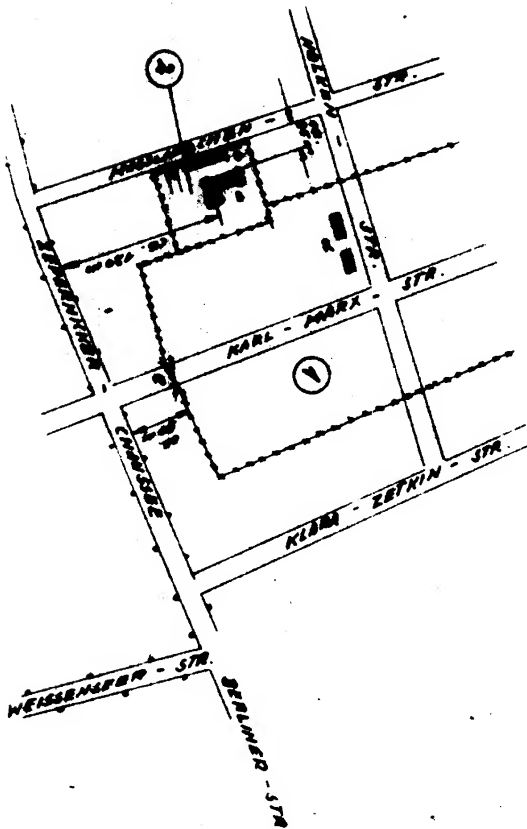
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7. The street called Angergang is closed to civilian traffic. The entrance to the installation is from the Berliner str. (marked "a" on the subsidiary sketch). The S end of the Angergang is closed by means of a board fence (marked "b" on the sketch). On the NE side of Angergang are buildings and sheds whose walls form a natural boundary on this side of the installation.
8. A large building lying E of the entrance to the installation and marked "g" in the sketch is occupied by BERNAU Voluntary Fire Service.
9. Marked as "c" on the sketch are 3 or 4 stone factory buildings built on to each other and with sloping roofs which used to form part of the parachute factory. They measure some 60 m. long and about 10 m. high. It is not known what they are used for.
10. The building marked as "d" in the sketch is the former administrative building of the parachute factory. It is 2 or 3-storied and Soviet troops are frequently seen entering and leaving it, suggesting it may be office or living accommodation.
11. Marked as "e" on the sketch is a single-storied wooden building some 40 m. long.
12. On the Berliner str. side, and marked as "f" on the sketch, is a temporary sports field.
13. It is estimated that some 150 Soviet troops live and/or are employed in this installation. It is not known whether they form an independent unit or are attached to a particular barracks. The unit has a number of cars and trucks, which are seen entering and leaving and which are presumed to be garaged in the former factory buildings (marked "c" on the sketch).
14. Groups of some 25-35 Soviet troops leave the installation daily at different times and march towards Zepernicker Chaussee. They carry no weapons and in winter appear to be unusually well wrapped up. It is assumed locally that they do fatigue duty in the officers' quarters or in the Soviet army bakery. On occasions such groups have been seen carrying spades and shovels.
15. On 29.12.59, between 0730 and 0830 hours, all the exits from BERNAU were guarded by small Soviet groups consisting of 2 men with machine pistols and one officer with a revolver. They covered the exits to BIESENTIAL, BERLIN, ZEPERNICK, WANDLITZ, were stationed near the TORPEDO WERK and around WANDLITZ. They also patrolled the wooded area between BERNAU and WANDLITZ. [redacted] they were lookin50X1-HUM for Soviet deserters.

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Appendix A